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SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL ENTRY OF REFUGEE MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL  
FAMILY

REF: (A) NAIROBI 9134 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 169657(NOTAL),  
(C) ADDIS ABABA 4412(NOTAL)

1. NAIROBI REFTEL REPORTED ARRIVAL IN KENYA OF 10 CHILDREN,  
MEMBERS ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY(GRANDCHILDREN OF CROWN PRINCE  
ASFA WOSSEN HAILE SELASSIE). CHILDREN WERE SMUGGLED OUT OF  
ETHIOPIA BY MR. AND MRS. COLLINS, U C MISSIONARY COUPLE, WHO  
HAVE ENLISTED INTEREST OF CONGRESSMAN BILL FRENZEL IN CASE.  
THEY HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM CROWN PRINCE TO TAKE  
CHILDREN TO U.S. REFTEL REQUESTED DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND  
PAROLE BE GRANTED  
BY ATTORNEY GENERAL. STATE REFTEL REPORTED  
DEPARTMENT'S DECISION NOT TO RECOMMEND PAROLE AND THEIR  
ADVICE THAT 203(A)7 PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED.

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2. CASE GREATLY COMPLICATED BY POTENTIAL FOR POLITICAL  
INCIDENT BETWEEN KENYA AND ETHIOPIA, SHOULD PUBLICITY ABOUT  
CHILDREN'S PRESENCE HERE DEVELOP. AMEMBASSY ADDIS  
ABABA HAS ALSO PROVIDED VALUABLE BACKGROUND AND UNDER-  
SCORED DANGER TO U.S.-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS, WITH  
ATTENDANT HAZARD TO SECURITY OF OTHER USC MISSIONARIES

AND PRIVATE CITIZENS IN ETHIOPIA, SHOULD PUBLICITY DEVELOP. THUS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT CHILDREN BE MOVED FROM KENYA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MR. AND MRS. COLLINS BELIEVE THE GROUPS IS ALREADY UNDER SUVEILLANCE BY THE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY IN NAIROBI. GROUP IS STAYING AT LOCAL HOTEL THAT IS NOT AT ALL AN INCONSPICUOUS HIDING PLACE, AND FOUR ETHIOPIANS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN HOTEL PUBLIC AREAS. ONE OF THESE HAS TAKEN ROOM ADJACENT TO COLLINS GROUP. KENYA POLICE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND SECURITY MEASURES ARE BEING ARRANGED, BUT DANGER OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY REMAINS HIGH.

3. COLLINS HAVE NOW APPROACHED UNHCR IN NAIROBI AND KENYA AUTHORITIEIS, WHO ARE ARRANGING FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND SECURITY FOR CHILDREN. CHILDREN WILL REQUIRE WEST GERMAN VISAS TO ENABLE TRAVEL TO FRANKFURT TO PRESENT CASE TO INS OFFICERS. FROM PAST CONTACTS WITH FRG EMBASSY, NAIROBI, POST KNOWS THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO ISSUE VISAS TO REFUGEES SEEKING ADMISSION TO GERMANY FOR INS PROCESSING. WHILE WE BELIEVE FRG EMBASSY WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO VISA APPLICATION IN THIS CASE, GIVEN THOROUGHLY DOCUMENTED INTENT TO BRING CHILDREN ULTIMATELY TO U.S., POST BELIEVES PRELIMINARY APPRAISAL OF LIKELY INS ATTITUDE TOWARD SUCH AN APPLICATION WOULD BE VALUABLE. EMBASSY REALIZES INS CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENTS AT THIS POINT, BUT BELIEVES SOME INDICATION  
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OF WHETHER OTHER ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY FIGURES HAVE BEEN GRANTED CONDITION ENTRY WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN WEST GERMAN VISA. POST WILL THEREFORE APPRCIATE WHATEVER COMMENTS INS, FRANKFURT, INS, WASHINGTON, AND DEPT. CAN PROVIDE ON THAT POINT.

4. FOR ADDIS: MRS. COLLINS REPORTS THAT RICHARD KONNERUP ARRIVED IN KENYA LATE LAST WEEK AND IS STILL HERE.  
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